

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/773,146	KAWAI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Vincent E. Kovalick	2629	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment dated 2/20/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Amendment dated February 20, 2007 in response to USPTO Office Action dated November 20, 2006.

Applicant's remarks relative to identifying the function of the program product as controlling the mode selection between the pointing device mode and the touch panel mode of the information processing apparatus, is sufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection of claims 13 and 14.

The amendments to claims 1-14, and the merits of Applicant's remarks are sufficient to warrant withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C 101 rejection of said claims 1-14, and place the application in a condition for allowance as set forth hereinbelow.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Relative to claims 1 and 13, the major difference between the teachings of the referenced prior art (USP 6,628,271, Matsumoto et al. and USP 5,757,354, Kawamura) and that of the instant invention is that said referenced prior art **does not teach** an information processing apparatus comprising displaying a symbol indicative of a pointing position on a display device in a pointing device mode of operation, and for moving a symbol at a predetermined reduction scale factor on said display device in accordance with the distance, direction and velocity of the relative movement of said touch position pointed to by said user on said touch panel; and displaying an image in the neighborhood of said symbol in a magnified form in a predetermined region on said touch panel in said pointing device mode of operation.

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Regarding claims 7 and 14, the major difference between the teachings to the said referenced prior art and that of the instant invention is that said referenced prior art **does not teach** an information processing apparatus comprising displaying a symbol indicative of a pointing position on said display device in a touch panel mode of operation, so that the position of a symbol is aligned with a touch position pointed to by a user on said touch panel; and moving, in said pointing device mode of operation, the position of said symbol indicative of said pointing position on said display device in accordance with the distance, direction and velocity of the relative movement of said touch position pointed to by said user on said touch panel; and displaying an image in the neighborhood of said symbol in a magnified form in a predetermined region on said touch panel in said pointing device mode of operation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No.	6,633,280	Matsumoto et al.
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U. S. Patent No.	5,782,189	Hirata et al.
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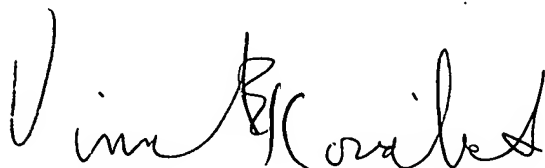
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To Respond


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E. Kovalick whose telephone number is 571-272-7669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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